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**JUSTICE THOMAS L. KILBRIDE TO ADMINISTER OATH TO NEW
ATTORNEYS**

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Thomas L. Kilbride will preside and administer the attorney's oath when 41 new lawyers are admitted to practice in ceremonies in Rock Island on Thursday, November 9.

The group is among 2,244 men and women who were certified as candidates and will be sworn in as Illinois attorneys at ceremonies in the state's five Supreme Court judicial districts.

The Rock Island program in the Third Judicial District will begin at 11:15 a.m. at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel, located at 226 17th Street in Rock Island.

Justice Kilbride will welcome the members of the class and their families and friends.

Appellate Court Judge Kent Slater from the Third Judicial District will be the main speaker. John G. O'Brien, treasurer of the Illinois State Bar Association, will also give remarks.

David Benckendorf, an attorney from the Peoria area, will make the motion to admit the class. His daughter, Rynell, is a member of the class.

Peoria attorney Rex K. Linder will second the motion to admit the class. His daughter, Stacie Mahan-Linder, is a member of the class.

A reception will follow.

All of the candidates have passed the Illinois State Bar Examination and an ethics examination; and were certified by the Committee on Character and Fitness.

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The new attorneys will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to nearly 84,000.

Media coverage is invited.

The Third Judicial District is made up of these counties: Will, Iroquois, Kankakee, Grundy, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam, Bureau, Whiteside, Henry, Stark, Peoria, Fulton, Knox, Whiteside, Rock Island, Mercer, Warren, Henderson, Hancock and McDonough.

Ceremonies in the other districts will be held in Chicago, Carbondale, Springfield and Elgin.

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